

BATTALION 5 – Battalion Chief Mike Shorrock

And the Berry Creek Fire Safe Council – Co-coordinators Mike Shorrock & John Stapp

Purpose Statement

Battalion 5 encompasses the southeastern area of Butte County which includes the communities of; Mountain House, Brush Creek, Berry Creek, Feather Falls, Forbestown, Clipper Mills, Bangor, and several Indian Rancherias. There are also significant land holdings of Sierra Pacific Industries and State and Federal Lands.

Objectives

- ❑ Community Event Information Booths.
- ❑ Conduct 4291 Inspections and fire safe education in target area.
- ❑ Conduct fire prevention education through the school and camp programs.
- ❑ Work with Berry Creek Fire Safe Council covering the Mountain House, Brush Creek, Berry Creek and Encina Grande areas.
- ❑ Work on developing a community based fire safe council in the Feather Falls/Forbestown area
- ❑ Improve accuracy/cause determination in preliminary fire investigation and paperwork.
- ❑ Continue Title 19 inspection program on target occupancies.

Prescriptions

- ❑ Have prevention/information booths at community events (i.e. Forbestown fair, Bangor BBQ, Berry Festival, Community Granges, Volunteer Fire Company events). Fire Prevention and Education on fire problems and protection issues specific to the community.
- ❑ 4291 Inspections in specific target areas for each station response zone. These target area will continue to be rotated and will have the approval of the Battalion Chief. Each Fire Captain and Fire Apparatus Engineer will complete a minimum of twenty five inspections (25). Inspections will incorporate a fire education element. Provide battalion training on inspections and public contacts.
- ❑ Select school program at the community schools (Berry Creek, Feather Falls, and Bangor) and some special camps (Okizu)
- ❑ Berry Creek Fire Safe Council (BCFSC)—BCFSC is a community based council with a Board of seven members. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month.
Some project completed and/or updated:
 - Wildland Fire Evacuation Plan / Maps- Published in 2005. Obtain Grant and update for 2006.
 - Emergency Radio Advisory System- 1250 AM Radio operational in 2005. Update established system and improve coverage in 2006.
 - Public Information 2006 Calendar- Publish and distribute for community in summer/fall 2005.
 - Demonstration Shaded Fuel Break- Complete work on community demonstration shaded fuel break on Bald Rock Road.
 - Chipper program- Continue program with scheduling, awareness, and education of community chipper programs.
 - Home Education Program- Develop a training program with plans for home

- education visits in 2006 on a voluntary basis.
- Lake Madrone Shaded Fuel Break- Work with Lake Madrone Water District and homeowners on coordinating a shaded fuel break with maintenance around development.
- Continue to work and develop a broad base fire safe council representing the population along the Lumpkin Road/Forbestown Road corridor from Lake Oroville to the County line. Stakeholders include residents, business owners and community interests. Once a fire safe council is established, begin working on objectives and priorities fire safe council work.
- Train battalion personnel on preliminary fire investigation, cause and origin determination, and appropriate paperwork.
- Coordinate and complete Title 19 inspections as identified by BTU Prevention bureau.

Vegetation Management Program (VMP)

Address specific VMP projects that are proposed to either Battalion or VMP Coordinator if they meet established fuel break zones and unit fire safe program.

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Fire Management Plan
2005

